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Gilbert Tice, U. E.

Captain, Indian Department.

by

Ernest Green.

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Gilbert Tice, of English blood, and born in America, had served against the French in the conquest of Canada. He was appointed to the Indian Department by Col. Guy Johnson in 1775, and served as a Captain during the Revolutionary War.

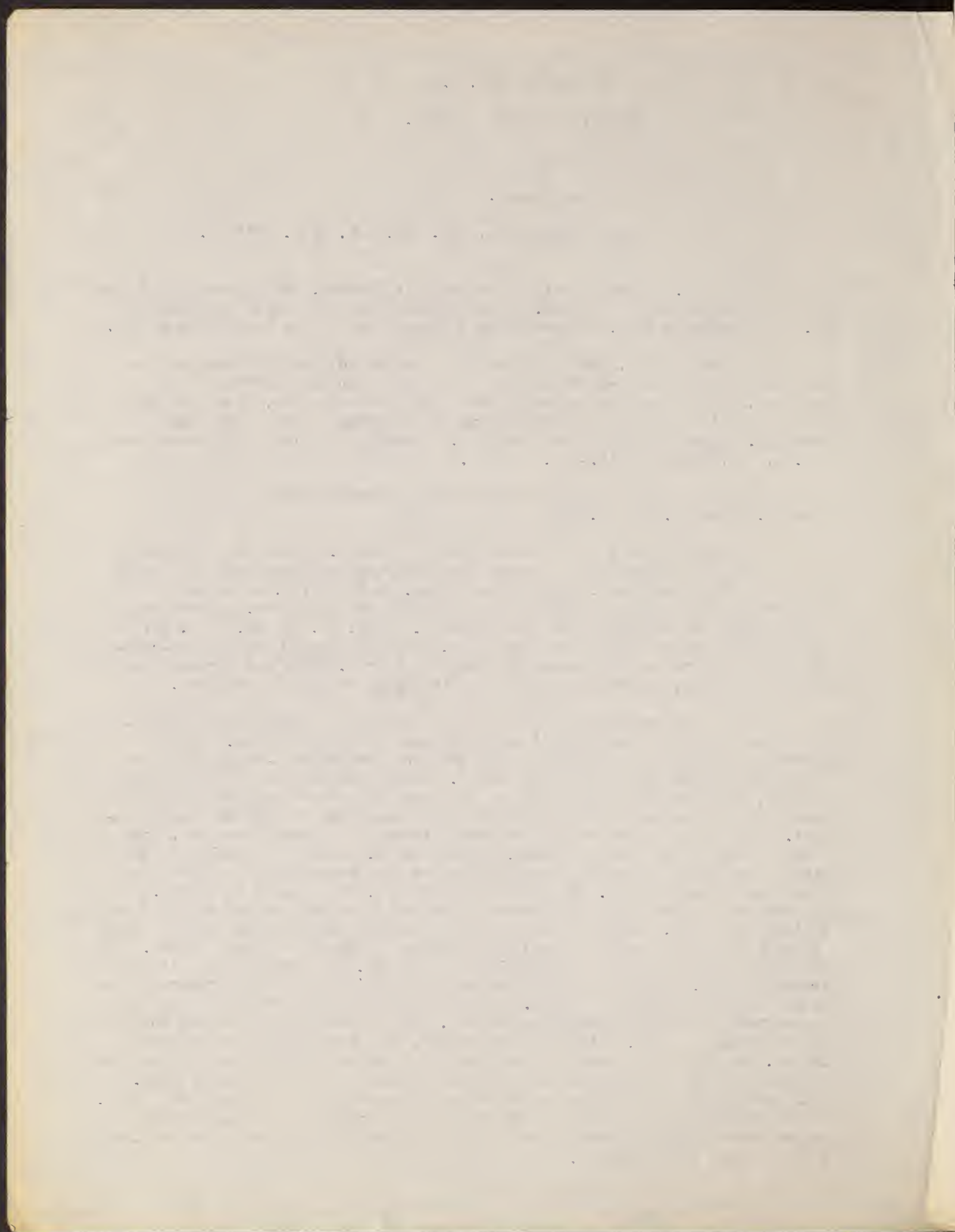
In September, 1778, Tice commanded the band of 160 Indians that accompanied Captain Caldwell and 200 of Butler's Rangers on the German Flats expedition. This raid struck a hard blow to the Revolutionists, depriving them of 120 buildings, 826 head of cattle and great stores of grain and other supplies. There was but little bloodshed. (Canadian Archives, Maldimand Papers, vol. B. 102, Tice to Brig.-Gen. Powell).

During this year Captain Tice assisted in recruiting men for Butler's Rangers. (Idem, B. 109, p. 14)

Of his activities in 1779 I have found no record. During the following winter he was in charge of a "company" of Tuscaroras and Onondagas at Niagara, including about 1,000 men, women and children. In May, 1780, he employed them in planting corn and vegetables at Buffalo Creek and elsewhere, with the object of relieving the strain on the King's stores. (Idem, pp. 51, 77, 132). 1779 and 1780 were busy years on the frontiers. Bands of Indians acted in co-operation with detachments of Rangers and regular troops. Doubtless Tice was constantly employed, but records of his services have not been discovered.

In the autumn of 1781 Captain Tice was assigned to command 109 hastily-assembled Indians in Major Ross' expedition to the Mohawk Valley. His band is described as being composed of "the dregs of the tribes"--a following not likely to enhance the fame of any leader. For sixteen days of a cold and wet October, the expedition of 521 men of all ranks and arms struggled through the trackless wilderness, constantly short of rest and food and wanting every comfort. Then, like a fiery blast, they swept through the enemy's country, leaving a broad path of ruin in their wake, burning mills, barns and storehouses and eluding two stronger forces of Revolutionists that endeavoured to close upon them from opposite sides. His object accomplished, Ross turned to escape, but his exhausted force could not outmarch their fresher pursuers and he was forced to turn and fight. Though the odds were four to one against them, and the enemy had artillery, the British staked their fate on a single desperate stroke. They fired one volley and rushed furiously upon the foe. The Revolutionists' line broke and fled, their guns were abandoned and Ross' half-starved scarecrows had complete possession of the field. Of course they won but a brief respite and the retreat had to be resumed immediately. Tice led the Indians by one route towards Niagara; Ross, with the white troops, took the trails for Carleton Island. Ross was again overtaken and sent to Tice for help, but the information that reached Tice appeared to be contradictory and he continued on his way. Both parties arrived at their destinations in conditions of extreme exhaustion. In the whole history of the Revolution there is hardly a record of service combining daring and endurance of every kind of hardship in degrees equal to that of Ross' raid on the Mohawk.





Ross was greatly dissatisfied with the behaviour of Tice's heterogeneous red party and made official complaint to his superiors. Captain Tice has left an official journal of the expedition which seems to indicate that he did fully as well as could be expected with such an unpromising force under circumstances of the most trying character. He especially mentions the good conduct of his warriors in abstaining from unnecessary bloodshed. (Canadian Archives, Haldimand Papers, B. 107, p. 301. Cruikshank's "Story of Butler's Rangers." (see Appendix "B".))

Early in 1782 occurred the hideous massacre of unresisting Christian Indians on the Muskingum by Revolutionists from the lower Ohio region. Exulting in blood, they marched to commit a new horror at Sandusky. Seventy of Butler's Rangers and about three hundred Indians, with whom Tice was one of the white officers, were sent to meet the raiders, who were five hundred strong. (Canadian Archives, Haldimand Papers, B. 102, p. 105, Lt.-Col. Butler to Brig.-Gen. Powell.) After two days' skirmishing, the Revolutionists fled and in the pursuit half their number were cut down. The maddened Indians broke from restraint and tortured some of their prisoners, but Lieutenant Turney of the Rangers wrote, "Too much cannot be said in praise of the officers and men and Indians. No people could behave better."

A few weeks later the same force defeated the Kentuckians with great loss at the Blue Licks. Of this action Captain Caldwell of the Rangers wrote, "The Indians behaved extremely well."

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#### Appendix "B."

Public Archives of Canada.

Haldimand Papers. Series B. Vol. 107, p. 312.

Niagara, 15th Novr. 1781.

Sir/

I arrived here the 12th Inst. My surprise on my arrival is not in my Power to express, I went to the House immediately as usual, but found it empty.

I wrote you three Letters since I left OSWEGO & now enclose you an exact Journal of all our Proceedings, whatever may be said to the contrary, be assured it come from SOME ONE that knows nothing, or little of the matter. The Enemy by what I could see had about SEVENTY killed in the engagement, among whom was Capt. GARRASON & SELLEY with TWO Lieuts which I saw & knew. I believe we lost about FIFTY, but very few of them killed, you may hear more about that in CANADA.

Lieut. RYCKMAN and two of Capt. BRANT'S Volunteers went out on the morning of the 30th Octr. to reconnoitre & have not been heard of since, I suppose they are Prisoners or perhaps astray in the Woods. I have brought in here Sixteen Prisoners and six Scalps, all men, I had twice that number but they let them desert out of the main Guard which I believe was no service to us.

This is worth your observation, the Indians did not attempt to meddle with any Women, Children, old men, or men not in arms, neither was any man or person killed by them, or striped of what they had on, only in the engagement, except one man who fired his piece at an Indian that Broke open the Door of his House, they took him out, and shot him, but did not as much as Scalp him, which I think is remarkable.

I have no more at present only remain





Gilbert Tice, U. E.

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Your Sincere Friend & Very Humble Servt  
(Signed)

Gilbt: Tice

Col. Johnson

Endorsed: Letter from Capt. Tice to  
Col Johnson dated  
Niagara 15th Novr 1781.

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Haldimand Papers. Series B. Vol. 107, p. 301.

Captain Tice's Journal from 5th October 1781.

Friday 5th.

I received orders from Colonel JOHNSON to embark on board the CALDWELL with One Hundred Indians to joyn Major ROSS was embarked about 12 o'Clock and sailed at two for OSWEGO.

6th

Was in sight of Great ASODUS but a hard gale of wind from the North drove us over to TORONTO.

7th

Little wind.

8th

A fair wind, we made for OSWEGO & arrived the 9th at 10 o'Clock in the morning, found Major ROSS there with his Detachment from CARLETON Island.

10th

On the evening received orders from Major ROSS to march next day in the front with the Indians. The Rangers to march next to me.

11th

Marched at One o'Clock P.M. encamped at the Half Way Creek. In the evening Lt. RYCKMAN came to me, being sent by Col JOHNSON through the Castles to order the Indians to join me at Oswego, but no Indians with him, the Reason they gave for not coming was, because they had no Mockasons, or anything to go to War with these.

12th

Marched to OSWEGO FALLS and encamped.

13th

Marched to the THREE RIVERS and encamped there, NINE Onandagas met me with a Scalp & a Prisoner taken at the FALL HILL which they delivered up to me according to custom.

14th

The Boats set off from the THREE RIVERS for CANASARAGO Creek & arrived at Fort Bruenton in the evening, encamped there--The Indians & Rangers marched by Land.

15th

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Set off from FORT BRUENTON, arrived at Canasarago Creek at 10 in the morning & proceeded up the Creek about 10 miles, encamped and agreed to Leave our Boats.

16th

The People that went by Land arrived in the morning.

17th

Captain DAVID & 10 Indians set out to the GERMAN FLATS for a Prisoner, we marched the same time & encamped four miles on this side CANAROHARE.

18th

Marched & past old Oneida about TWO miles & encamped. That night Lt. DACHSTEDDER (of the Rangers) was taken very ill, and died next day.

19th

Marched for HERKIMER'S Lake & encamped at a small Creek running South, FIVE ONANDAGAS joined me with a Prisoner taken at the LITTLE FALLS who told us SIR JOHN was at CROWN POINT with a large army.

20th

P. M. Encamped at a Branch of the UNUNDELLA, Capt'n David joined me in the evening with a Prisoner taken at FALL HILL who told us the same news as the above Prisoner.

21st

Marched & passed Tunnachifts Place & struck for CROGHAN'S Lake instead of HERKIMER'S, encamped at a Creek running out of Young's Lake.

22nd

Marched passed CROGHAN'S Lake and encamped at New Town Martin.

23rd

Marched & passed the Upper end of CHERRY VALLEY, & encamped within four miles of DURLACH.

24th

Mr. Hare, Ind'n Dept & 10 Indians went on a Scout to take a Prisoner & joined us. He took 6 Prisoners but found he could not overtake returned to the Boats. We marched same day & passed DURLACH & came to CORRY'S TOWN, in the evening marched down the road to the Mohock River, took a number of Prisoners who informed of Six Hundred Militia being on Schenectady and Four HUNDRED CONTINENTAL Troops, & WILLET at CANAJOHARY with Four Hundred more, & Five Hundred at SCHOHARE. We continued our march down the River, crossed SCHOHARE CREEK above FORT HUNTER at 3 o'Clock in the morning of the 25th. Halted within a mile of Warren's BUSH till day break. Then I received orders from Major ROSS to detach myself with the INDIANS & OFFICERS of the Department & some Rangers to destroy the Settlement of WARREN'S BUSH whilst the Troops marched along the main Road to support us in case of an attack from the Enemy. We finished about 10 o'Clock in the morning & joined Major ROSS within 12 miles of Schenectady. Then wheeled about, marched up the MOHOCK RIVER, crossed at FORT JOHNSON and took the main road to JOHNSTOWN, went through the Town, passed the Hall & halted in the Fields above it, and began to collect Provisions, all this time without any Interruption, from the Enemy.

About 3 o'Clock P.M. I received orders from Major ROSS to march with the Indians, the nearest and best way to CARLETON ISLAND. When I had got a mile





in the woods, I received orders from Major ROSS to halt with the Indians & immediately join the Rangers in the Rear that the Enemy was advancing on us very fast in a large body, I immediately fulfilled his orders & just as I joined the Rangers, the attack began by a Volley from the Rangers, which was immediately followed by the Indian Department--with their usual yells, & rushing on the Rebels which put them immediately to flight. The Enemy were closely pursued by our whole Body which soon drove them back to the Clear Field, where Colol WILLET lay as a Reserve with his best Troops & two Field Pieces, but did not stop their Flight or our pursuit, we followed them across the Fields above half a mile, took one of their Field Pieces with all their Ammunition & killed a number of them, and took several Prisoners, At this time Col WILLET kept possession of the rising ground on our Right and galled us very much & obliged US TO RETURN AND DISLODGE THEM. The dispute was very obstinate on both sides, which lasted till dark when we left the Field, and the Cannon which we took, but destroyed the Ammunition. The Enemy did not pursue us. The Officers and Soldiers in general behaved with a great deal of spirit during the whole action.

We marched about Six miles on the Rout for CARLETON ISLAND and continued it the 26th.

27th

Received orders from Major ROSS to send an Express to the Boats.

28th & 29th

Without being disturbed by the Enemy either Front or Rear.

29th

Major ROSS told me that as the Six Nations wanted to go home through their own Country he would meet them at my fire place to thank them for their good Behaviour & shake hands with them, which was done.

30th

Major ROSS marched for CARLETON ISLAND with all the Troops and I for NIAGARA with the SIX Nation Department, about 2 o'Clock that afternoon FOUR Onandagas of OSWEGATCHY & one DELAWARE over took me & said Major ROSS was pursued by a large Body of Rebels, but as we heard no firing we could not know what to think of it. Continued our march to Fort STANWIX where we arrived on the 2nd Novr. All well, found no Enemy, we went into old Oneida.

3rd Novr.

Arrived at the place where we left our Boats, found every thing gone, only SIX BOATS cut to pieces & sunk. That night about 12 o'Clock Six Rangers come up with us and said the Enemy had fallen in with their Rear, the 30th Oct, in the morning & pursued them to the Large Canada Creek, where they were attacked and Captain Butler killed. The 4th Novr seven more Rangers joined us & told the same. We then marched down the ONEIDA LAKE but finding nothing there we returned to the Broken Boats, hauled one of them up out of the water, found five large Holes cut in her, which we stopped with pieces of Boards & nails of the other Boats & went in her to OSWEGO where we arrived the 7th of Novr in the evening, found Captain Baker there with the CALDWELL and all our Boats & people.

From the 25th October to the 7th Novr we had nothing but Horse meat to eat, & but little of that.

We sailed from OSWEGO 11th Novr and arrived at NIAGARA the 12th.

I had THREE Indians killed in the Engagement and four wounded. SAGUERA'S





Gilbert Tice, U. E.

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Brother is one of the killed & two Onandagas & CHRISTIAN the Oneida is one of the wounded.

(Signed)

Gilbt. Tice.

Captain.

Endorsed: Capt Tice's Journal of the  
Proceedings with the Indians on  
the late Expedition in October 1781.

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OFFICE OF THE  
SECRETARY OF THE  
NAVY  
WASHINGTON, D. C.  
JANUARY 1, 1900



Henry TICE  
wife  
Amy WATERS  
issue

(A Henry Tice is listed at  
Adolphustown Mar.28.1794.  
as 1.Male, 2 Females.

Margaret . -m- Robt Cunningham  
Anna I802-I888 -m- Joseph Choat.I786-I847.  
Catharine(Katie) I804-I889.-m- Thos. Harns  
Elizabeth(Betsey) I806-I844 -m-Harmon Wanamaker.I801-  
Mary (Polly) d.y.217.  
Phoebe Apr4.I810-I855.-m-Richard DeLong  
Jane I811-I843.-m- Allan Consaul.I807-I855.  
Phillip I813- -m-Elizabeth Sriver.I815-  
Hannah I5-8-I815-I896.-m- James Harvey Parliament.I810-I852.  
Eunice I817-I868.-m- Nathan Reddick.I803-I846.  
II-Geo.Waters, I7-3-I819-I847.-m- OLIVE ELIZABETH RANDOLPH.I823-I905.  
I2-Henry I8-7-I820-I895.-m-(1)Rebecca Leamon 1823-1849  
-m-(2) OLIVE.E.Tice nee Randolph  
John d.y.

II-Geo Waters Tice and Olive Elizabeth Randolph  
issue

Philena 3-10-I840-I9-3-I884-m-MarshallRoblin Parliament  
Jas. Abbot I8-II-I842- I921-m-(1)... Brewer  
(2) Sarah Monaghan.I848-I943,  
Jason Sidney 6-3-I845- I926-m-Meriam Young.I852-I941.  
Geo.Waters 7-9-I847- -m-(1) Matilda Denike  
(2) Sarah Young.nee Calnan

Philena Tice and Marshall Roblin Parliament-- A son of James  
issue Harvey Parliament & Hannah Tice  
above.

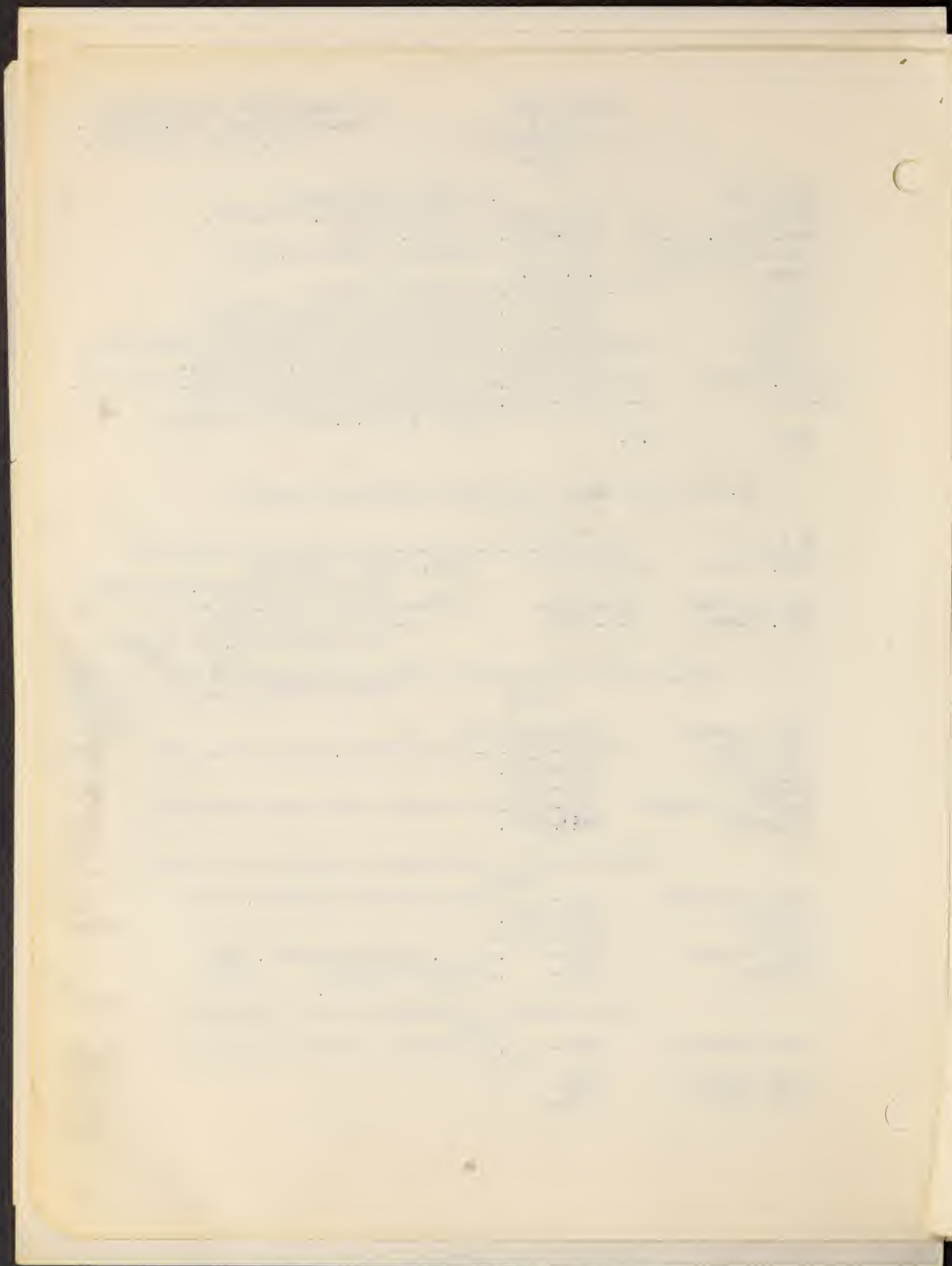
Ella Theresa I861-I881-unm  
Emma Jane I863-I939-m-James Youker.issue Clara.I887- unm  
Lura Olive I867-I872.  
Walter I870-I870.  
Hartford Clayton I874-I940.-m- Luella Jane Hodgen.I873-I955.  
Clarence I881-I890.

Hartford Clayton Parliament & Luella Jane Hodgen  
issue

Percy Clarence I897- -m-Mary Myrtle Spencer.I897-  
Clarence I898-I898.  
Hector I899-I900.  
Emma Mildred I904- .-m- C.Loral,Wanamaker.I896-  
Philena I909- .-m-John Thompson I899-

Percy Clarence Parliament & Mary M Spencer  
issue

Ralph Spencer I923- . -m-Colleen Stewart Campbell  
issue  
Gary Spencer I950  
Debra Ann I954-





Emma Mildred Parliament & C. Loral R. Wanamaker  
issue

Lola Jean Nov24.1922- .-m- Alva Robertson Reid.1919-  
issue  
Lola Lee II--I-1955-  
Karen Lynn 26-4-1962-

Philena Parliament & John Thompson  
issue

Elmer Lloyd 1927- .-m- Sally Bingham  
Donald Hartford 1929- .-m- Muriel McCoy  
Shirley June 1932- .-m- Robt Watson  
John Gordon Lyle 1926- .-m- Dorothy Genereaux  
Mervin Clair 1941-

Elmer Lloyd Thompson & Sally Bingham  
issue

Richard Paul 1954-  
William John 1956-  
Ronald Lloyd 1962-

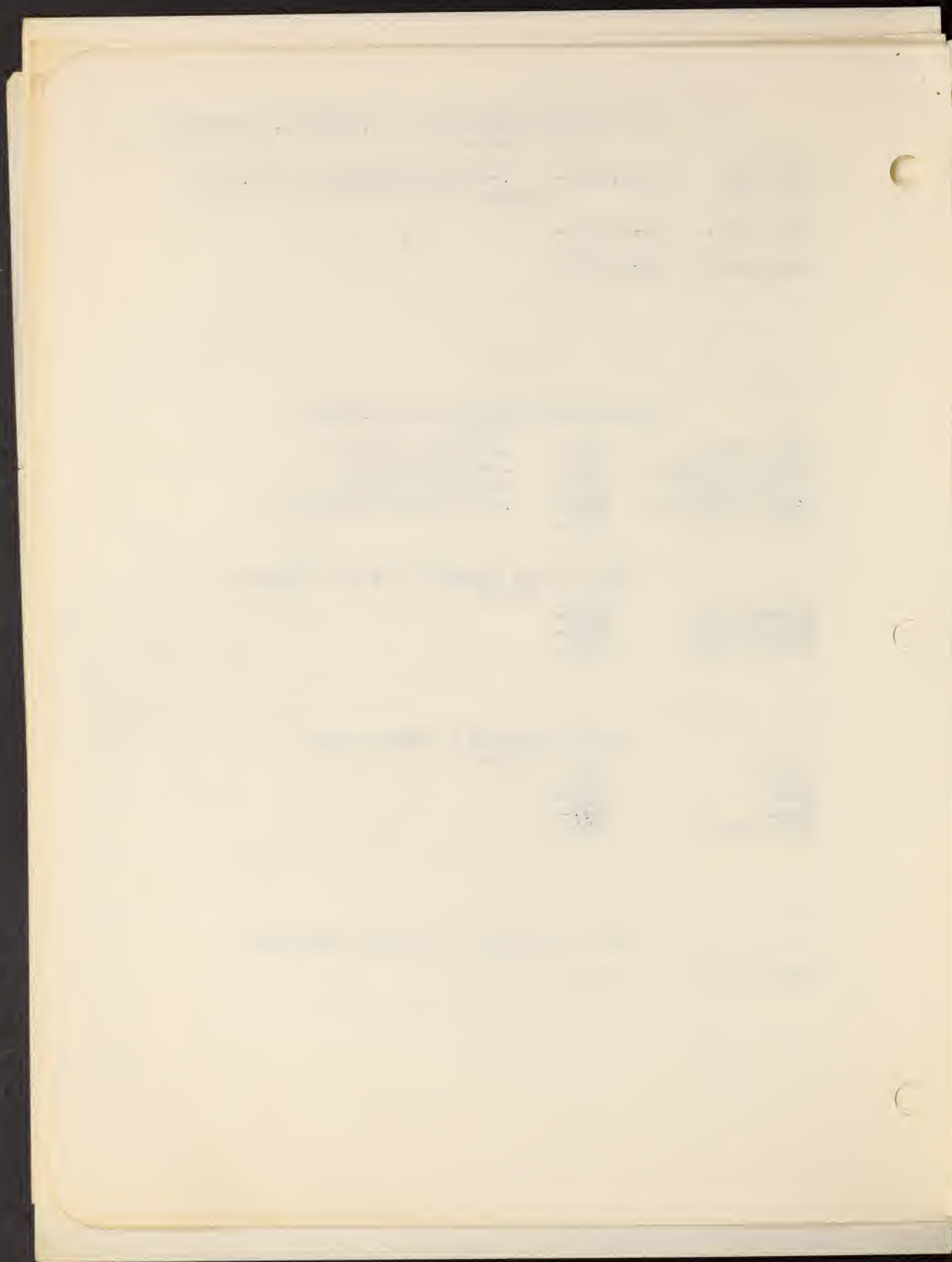
Donald Hartford & Muriel McCoy  
issue

Larry 1952-  
Gail 1953-  
Terry 1958-  
Gary Wayne 1963-

John Gordon Lyle & Dorothy Genereaux  
issue

Robert John 1963





James Abbot Tice and(I). .... Brewer.  
issue  
Delmer 1869-1939.-m- Emma.... 1902& Cynthia.1871\*1925  
Thorpe 1870-1914.-m- Blanche Adele Clinton1874-1955.  
By(2(Sarah Monaghan  
Norman Tice -m- Gladys Victoria Collins1886-1961.  
issue  
Burton Tice -m- Mildred Jackson  
issue  
Marilyn Dooreen -m- Larry Sidney Vincent

Jason Sidney Tice & Meriam Young  
issue

George Oliver	1867- 1960-m- Margaret McCann
Ida May	1870- -m-(1) Wm Ferguson
	(2) Harry Cook

George Oliver Tice & Margaret McCann  
issue

Claude D.Tice I889-<sup>1890</sup> -m- Julia Pybus. n/i.

Ida May Tice & William Ferguson  
issue

Leitha	I897-
Florence	I899-
Bernice	I90I-

I899-

1901-

George Waters Tice Jr. & (1) Matilda Denike. (2) Sarah Young, Nee  
issue by (1) Calnan

Calnan

Laura 1874-1904.-m- Jacob Ferguson  
Sarah 1876-1895  
Nettie 1871-1888  
Bertie 1872-1901-m- Samuel Dennis Spencer Jr. 1870-1953

issue By (2)

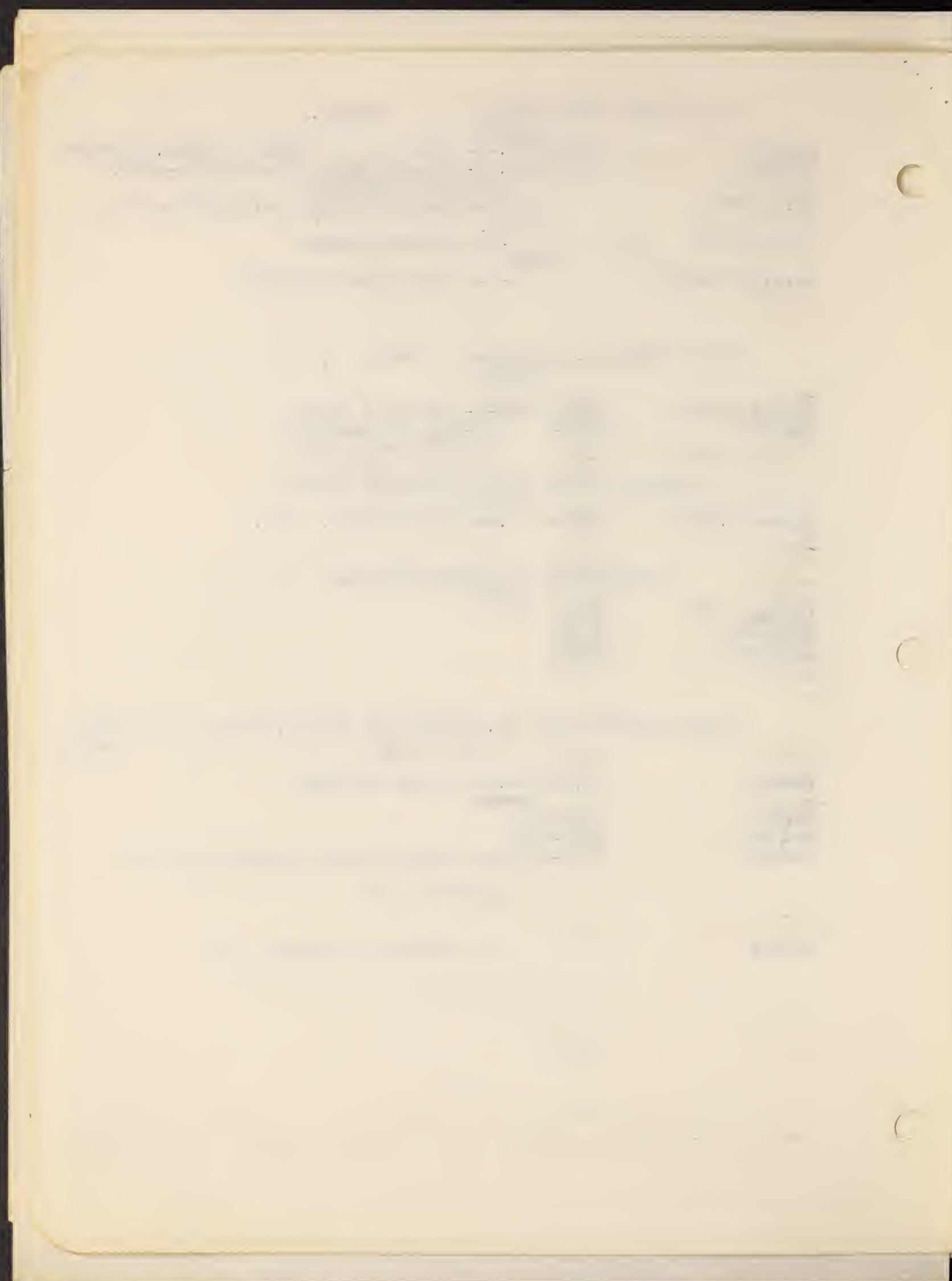
I876-I895

I87I-I888

1872-1901-m- Samuel Dennis Spencer Jr. 1870-1953

issue By (2)

Minnie -m- Rockwell Pearsall n/i.





Alberta (Bertie) Tice & Samuel Dennis Spencer Jr.

	issue	
Percy Earl Spencer	1890-	-m-Etna Blanche Calnan
Clarence	1891-1958-	-m-Mary E. Smith. 1896-
Hazel A.	1893-	-m-Geo. Warner
Lorne	1894-1916.	Died 1st. G.W.

Percy Earl Tice & Etna Blanche Calnan  
issue

Mildred	-m-Alexander Wilson
Oliver	-m-Ray Swain
Alton	-m-Margaret Markland

Clarence E. Spencer & Mary E. Smith  
issue

Beryl	1916-	-m-Ray Heiman	
Gerald Ely	1919-	<del>unn</del>	
Ione	1920-	-m-Mack Farrell	Trenton
Clarence Maurice	1923-	-m-Helen Clark. 1924-	
Ramona	1935-	-m-Mervin Campbell. 1932-	

Beryl Spencer & Ray Heiman  
issue

Doris	1937-	-m-Sherwood Reid
Lorne	1939-	
Shirley	1942-	-m-Leonard <del>Foster</del> Foster
Larry	1944-	
Lorraine } <sup>2</sup>	1944-	
Eric	1946-	
Wendy	1951-	
Richard	1953-	

Ione Spencer & Mack Farrell  
is ue

Owen	1938-	-m-Jean Broe
Pat	1940-	
Marie	1941-	
Michael	1948-	
John	1952-	
Bryan	1953-	

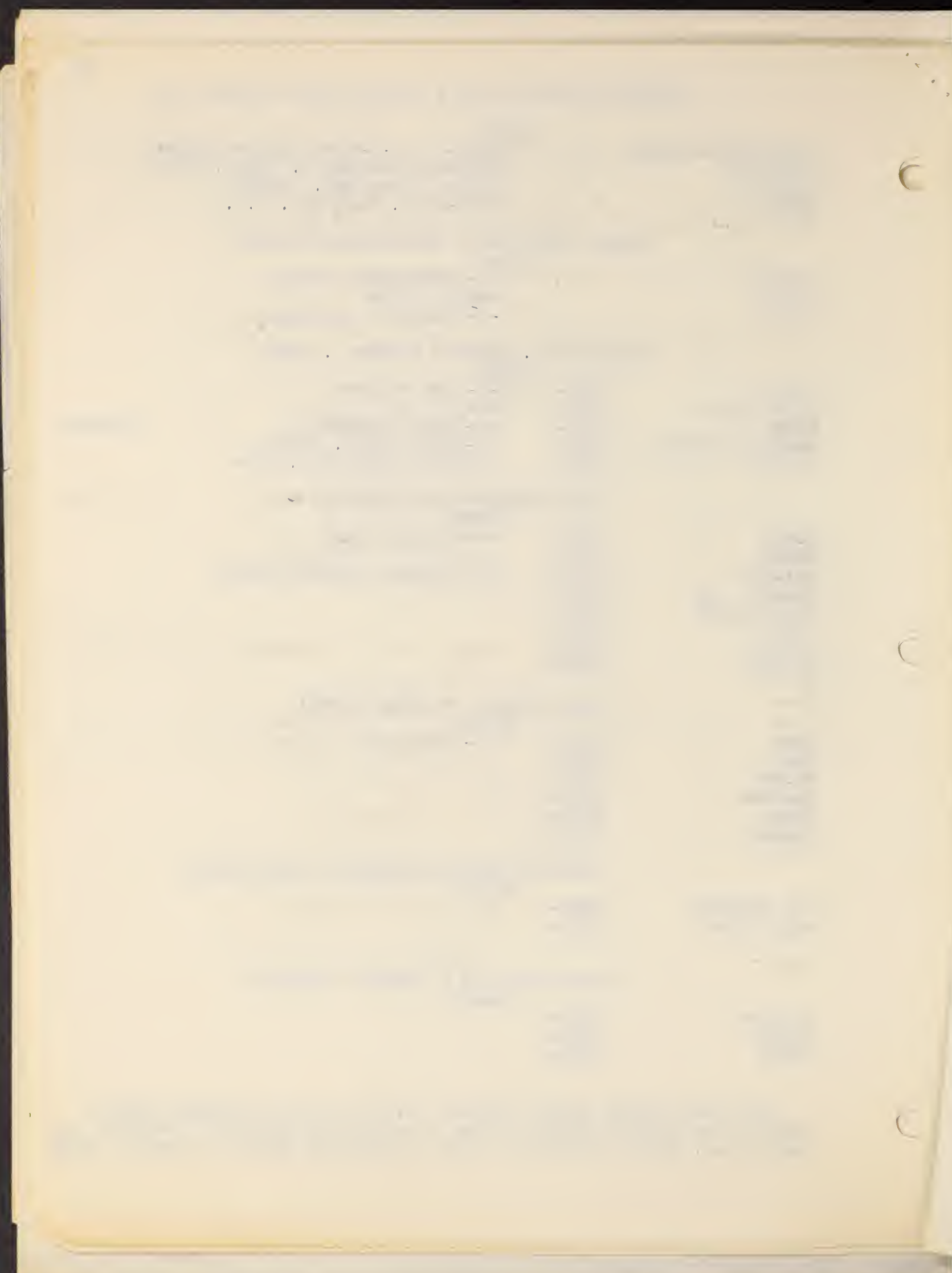
Clarence Maurice Spencer & Helen Clark  
issue

Wm. Maurice	1948-
Mary Ellen	1949-

Ramona Spencer & Mervyn Campbell  
issue

Marlene	1956-
Cindy	1958-
Kathy	1960-

The above Samuel Dennis Spencer Jr. was a son of Samuel Dennis Spencer Sr. 1844-1872., and he was a son of Asa Spencer 1798-1877. who had a O.C. 1827. and he was a son of ANDRE SPENCER and JERUSHA HERNS



# 12. Henry Tice and Olive Elizabeth Tice nee RANDOLPH  
issue

John Thomas Tice 1850-1927 -m- Anne Gibson. 1852-1922.  
Elzina Laticia 1856-1892. -m- Jessie Marvin. n/i.

John Thomas Tice & Anne Gibson

Issue

Dora Blanche Tice 1873-1962 -m- Walter Nelson 1877-1951.  
Bruce Tice 1873-1961 -m- Lillie Pearsall

Dora B Tice & Walter Nelson  
issue

Nina . - -m- Harry Pierson  
Ila -m- Donald McDonald

Nina Nelson & Harry Pierson.  
issue

Wellington

Mona -m- Kemp.  
Ross -m- Rozimiak  
June  
Cline

Ila Nelson & Donald McDonald. Set. Wellington  
issue

Leslie  
Mary -m- Robert Hurst  
Jean -m- Strong  
Gwen -m- Brown  
Donalda -m- Graham  
Tommy  
Barbara  
Betty -m- Gerald Bush  
Nancy  
Wayne

Bruce Tice & Lillie Pearsall  
issue

Clayton -m- Cora....

n/i



